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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/643,534	CABRAL ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 11-22 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6, 7, 10 and 11 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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Applicant's election without traverse of Species I, claims 1-11, in the reply filed on 11-17-04 is acknowledged.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Mak et al (US 2002/0197863 A1).

Mak et al discloses first exposing a substrate 42 to a first flux of a group IVB or VB metal precursor such as TiCl₄, to form a condensed and absorbed monolayer or less of said metal precursor on a surface of the substrate (Paragraphs 00256-0026), and second exposing the condensed and absorbed monolayer or less to a second flux of a silicon source such as SiH₄, wherein said first and second exposing is performed at a substrate temperature of less than 450 °C (Paragraphs 0020, 0025, and 0026), and wherein after each exposing step a purge gas is introduced to said substrate (Paragraphs 0025-0026).

Claims 3, and 9, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mak et al as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8, above, and further in view of Byun et al (U.S. Patent 6,096,630).

Mak et al discloses using TiCl₄, among others, as a metal precursor material to form a titanium-containing layer (Paragraphs 0025-0026). Mak et al does not teach using TaCl₅ as

metal precursor material. Byun et al discloses using TiCl₄ precursor material to form a titanium-containing layer, and using TaCl₅ precursor material to form a tantalum-containing layer (Column 6, lines 42-50). It would have been within the scope of one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Mak et al and Byun et al to enable the first exposing step of Mak et al to be performed, by employing either of the precursor materials disclosed by Byun et al.

Claims 6, 7, 10, and 11, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri, can be reached on (571) 272-1855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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